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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EMIN, MA, SF

SUBJ: CHROME ORE INQUIRY - PPG INDUSTRIES

REF: JOHANNESBURG 1924

1. W.J. FETTER, PPG INDUSTRIES, SENT COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM TO GERARD RAJAONARY, DIRECTEUR DE L' ET DES MINES, MINISTERE DE L' ECONOMIE ET DU COMMERCE, GDRM, NOVEMBER 11 INDICATING INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF MADAGASCAR CHROMITE AND REQUESTING SAMPLE FOR PPG EVALUATION. LOCAL PPG REP JOHNSON (FIRST NAME NOT KNOWN) CALLED ON RRO SWEETWOOD NOVEMBER 26 TO INFORM US THAT NEITHER ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CABLE NOR PROMISE OF UPCOMING SAMPLE HAD BEEN RECEIVED THUS FAR. (FETTER'S REQUEST CALLED FOR ONE KILOGRAM SAMPLE OF FINE CHROME HAVING PARTICLE DISTRIBUTION OF 40 PERCENT BETWEEN 3 AND 25 MM AND 60 PERCENT LESS THAN 3 MM. INQUIRY RECOMMENDED THAT SAMPLE BE AIR EXPRESSED TO PPG INDUSTRIES, PITTSBURGH, AT PPG EXPENSE. FULL ADDRESS AND INTENDED RECIPIENT OF SAMPLE WAS GIVEN IN TELEGRAM.)

2. FYI: UNDERSTANDABLY, PPG DOES NOT WANT TO BID BLINDLY ON MADAGASCAR ORE, WITHOUT SOME KNOWLEDGE OF SUITABILITY TO PPG REQUIREMENTS. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL TESTS OF A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE ARE NECESSARY PERREQUISITES TO FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN THEIR VIEW -- AND HOPEFULLY WITH SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME TO  
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PERMIT A THOROUGH ECONOMIC STUDY PRIOR TO COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

END FYI.

3. PLEASE ATTEMPT CONTACT RAJAONARY (OR OTHER APPROPRIATE GDRM OFFICIAL) TO ASCERTAIN PROGRESS IN REGARD TO ABOVE AND/OR WHETHER GDRM DESIRES ADDITIONAL PRELIMINARY INFO ON PPG INDUSTRIES AS A POSSIBLE CUSTOMER.

4. PLEASE ADVISE IF SAMPLE HAS BEEN SHIPPED, OR IF IT WILL BE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. IF MAILED, FETTER DESIRES AIRWAY BILL NUMBER AND DATE SHIPPED. IN THE INTEREST OF TIMING AND EXPEDIENCY, INCIDENTALLY, YOU MAY WISH TO REPLY DIRECTLY TO WASHDC (INFO COPIES TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA AND AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG) WITH REQUEST THAT STATE OR COMMERCE INFORM FETTER OF CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS.  
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